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DECLARATION UNDER TITLE 37 C.F.R. §1.132

1. I reside at Hanazono-cho 1-4, Numazu-shi, Shizuoka-ken, Japan.

1989. I have worked in the area of electrophotographic photosensitive members.

4. I have received a U.S. patent (Patent No. 6,185,398) in my name in the

field of electrophotographic photosensitive members.

5. I am an inventor of the subject patent application and am familiar with the prosecution history of the subject patent application.

6. In the Official Action of December 2, 2002, Paper No. 8, in response to the Amendment filed September 25, 2002, the Examiner expressed concern that Applicants had not demonstrated that the tests in the specification Examples were conducted with a contact charging apparatus. In order to address the Examiner's concern, I unequivocally state that the laser beam printer LBP-950 apparatus employed in the Examples is a printer which employs a contact charger and not a corona charger.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Subscribed this 25 day of April, 2003.
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